
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO
ENCOURAGE CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, VICE
PRINCIPALS, AND TEACHERS TO INTEGRATE HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE AND
CULTURE INTO THE SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Hawaii recognizes
2 English and Hawaiian as the official languages of the State of
3 Hawaii; and

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5 WHEREAS, language contains the intrinsic values of a
6 culture and recognition that a culture is perpetuated by the use
7 of its language; and

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9 WHEREAS, the sustainability of the Hawaiian culture is
10 dependent on the knowledge, use, and prevalence of the Hawaiian
11 language; and

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13 WHEREAS, understanding and familiarity with the Hawaiian
14 language can be an asset to educators in providing educational
15 programs that are culturally relevant to both native Hawaiian
16 and non-Hawaiian youth; and

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18 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a Hawaiian language public
19 education system, as well as a Hawaiian language college, to
20 provide for education through the teaching and use of the
21 Hawaiian language to perpetuate the Hawaiian culture; and

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23 WHEREAS, more can be done to promote and encourage the use
24 and teaching of the Hawaiian language to perpetuate the Hawaiian
25 culture; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the study, learning,
28 and use of the Hawaiian language by educators and administrators
29 can offer insight into and understanding of the cultural
30 heritage and foundation, learning preferences, and traditions of



1 many of the youth attending public schools in Hawaii; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
7 (DOE) is requested to include as a desirable qualification in
8 job descriptions used in recruiting and hiring all public school
9 principals, vice principals, and teachers the satisfactory
10 completion of at least one course in Hawaiian language and
11 culture instruction; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOE is requested to develop a
14 plan, in collaboration with the University of Hawaii (UH) at
15 Manoa Center for Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian Language,
16 Hookulaiwi Program of the UH at Manoa College of Education, and
17 College of Hawaiian Language Ka Haka Ula O Keelikolani at UH-
18 Hilo, to encourage current public school principals, vice
19 principals, and teachers to satisfactorily complete at least one
20 course in Hawaiian language and culture instruction, including
21 creative strategies and incentives; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UH at Manoa Center for
24 Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian Language is requested to initiate
25 the planning dialogue, which includes a re-evaluation of the
26 Praxis exam in regards to integrating Hawaiian language and
27 culture into satisfactory performance indicators; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOE is requested to submit a
30 progress report on implementing this Concurrent Resolution and
31 any necessary proposed legislation to the Legislature no later
32 than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
33 2007; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
37 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Dean of UH at
38 Manoa College of Education, Director of UH at Manoa Center for
39 Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian Language, Director of the
40 Hookulaiwi Program of the UH at Manoa College of Education, and
41 Dean of the College of Hawaiian Language Ka Haka Ula O
42 Keelikolani at UH-Hilo.

